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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR US CG

SUBJECT: RUMOR REGARDING MOBUTU VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. MY BELGIAN AND SOVIET COLLEAGUES FEB 27 SEPARATELY ASKED ME IF IT WERE TRUE THAT A SPECIAL ENVOY HAD BEEN SENT HERE BY PRESIDENT FORD TO INVITE MOBUTU TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN MAY. I TOLD THEM IT WAS NOT TRUE AND ASKED WHERE THEY HAD HEARD THE RUMOR. AMBASSADOR KERREMANS (BELGIAN) SAID THE STORY WAS GOING AROUND. AMBASSADOR LAVROV WAS LESS COY AND SAID ZAIRIAN JOURNALISTS HAD TOLD HIM.

2. COMMENT: THE RUMOR MILL OF KINSHASA IS WORKING OVERTIME THESE DAYS BUT IN THIS CASE IT IS JUST POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE HIGH UP DELIBERATELY STARTED THE STORY. IF IT IS A HINT, IT SHOULD BE STUDIOUSLY IGNORED. END COMMENT.

3. INCIDENTALLY, THE IVORY COAST AMBASSADOR, WHO HEARD FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU FEB 27, TOOK ME ASIDE AT A RECEPTION TO TELL ME THAT IN HIS VIEW THE POLITICAL BUREAU'S FEB 26 ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO OAU SYG AND THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL APPEAL TO MOBUTU TO REACT TO THE SECRETARY'S "BUSINESS WEEK" INTERVIEW WERE MINIMAL ACTIONS. HE AFFIRMED FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, THAT IN FACT MOBUTU'S VIEWS OF US AND OF US AMBASSADOR HERE WERE NOW

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